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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office action but before the mailing date of either a final action or notice of allowance and is accompanied by a certification as specified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). Applicant respectfully petitions and requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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